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Original Poetry.

ONTARA'S REPLY.

WRITTEN AND SET TO MUSIC EXPRESSLY FOR THE UNITED STATES SATURDAY POST, BY MRS. ELLET.

The Indian Chief, after a long and sanguinary war, in which his tribe was nearly exterminated, was induced to sue for peace, and a treaty was concluded, by the terms of his principal captive, whom the latter, having obtained on the field of battle, was the sister of the Indian commander. It was the captive should be released; but the Indian refused to accept the proffered boon, though he knew that hostilities must in the end prove fatal to him.

Go bend to the storm that speeds from the bow,
And carry it to mingling shaft in its flight,
Then say it owns no brave blockhouse more repelled,
And not that feathered the thousand in the field.
Tell them we strike to conquerors not untried in wrath;
But bloody and lasting our victory hath been,
Remorseless and bleeding—if storm forgives!
Is the bright hair of beauty where'er the dead
Who fell at their duty to duty not be mid
Where the tempest is loudest, and fiercest the rage
The present of our darkness in the distant shore?
No, Onkwa, never!—Go return to council
The chieftains that sent thee with the white flag to sue
Go tell on the tongues of enemy and peace,
But see that you tell them, "Ontara is free!"
And hopeless alike must thy supplication be
Here bound to the thunderer, and bound to the land, and the
Tears angel—the fiery, I mean—
My soul is unbroken—my refuge the grave.
Then back to the blockhouse, and tell them we scorn
With the last of his nation he'll sleep in his grave.
Then shoulders his tomahawk never before!
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Original Tales.

THE BLACK CAT.

WRITTEN FOR THE UNITED STATES SATURDAY POST, BY EDGAR A. POE.

For the most wild, yet most homely narrative which I am about to pen, I neither expect nor solicit belief. Mad indeed would I be to expect it, in a case where my own senses reject their own evidence. Yet, mad am I not—and very surely do I not dream. But to-morrow I die, and to-day I would unburthen my soul. My immediate purpose is to place before the world, plainly, succinctly, and without comment, a series of mere household events. In their consequences, these events have terrified—have tortured—have destroyed me. Yet I will not attempt to expound them. To me, they have presented little but Horror—to many they will seem less terrible than baroques. Hereafter, perhaps, some intellect may be found which will reduce my phantasm to the commonplace—some intellect more calm, more logical, and far less excitable than my own, which will perceive in the circumstances I detail with awe, nothing more than an ordinary succession of very natural causes and effects.

From my infancy I was noted for the docility and humanity of my disposition. My tenderness of heart was even so conspicuous as to make me the jest of my companions. I was particularly fond of animals, and was indulged by my parents with a great variety of pets. With these I spent most of my time, and never was so happy as when feeding and caressing them. The peculiarity of character grew with my growth, and, in my manhood, I derived from it one of my principal sources of pleasure. To those who have cherished a friendship for a faithful and sagacious dog, I need hardly be at the trouble of explaining the nature or the intensity of the gratification thus derived. There is something in the unselfish and self-sacrificing love of a brute, which goes directly to the heart of him who has had frequent occasion to test the paltry friendship and gossamer fidelity of mere Man.

I married early, and was happy to find in my wife a disposition not incongruous with my own. Observing my partiality for domestic pets, she lost no opportunity of procuring those of the most agreeable kind. We had birds, gold-fish, a fine dog, rabbits, a small monkey and a cat.

This last was a remarkably large and beautiful animal, entirely black, and sagacious to an astonishing degree. In speaking of her intelligence, my wife, who never failed to avail herself of any popular superstition, which happened to fall in her way, was frequently serious in referring to the old opinion which regarded all black cats as witches in disguise. Not that she was ever serious upon this point—I mention the matter at all for no better reason than that it happens just now, to be remembered.

Pluto—this was the cat's name—was my favorite and playfellow. I alone fed him, and he attended me wherever I went about the house. It was even with difficulty that I could prevent him from following me through the streets.

Our friendship lasted, in this manner, for several years, during which my general temperament and character—through the instrumentality of the Fiend Intemperance had—(I blush to confess it) experienced a radical alteration for the worse. I grew, day by day, more moody, more irritable, more regardless of the feelings of others. I suffered myself to use intemperate language to my wife. At length, I even offered her personal violence. My pets, of course, were made to feel the change in my disposition. I not only neglected, but ill-used them. For Pluto, however, I still retained sufficient regard to restrain me from maltreating him, as I made no scruple in treating the rabbits, the monkey, or even the dog, when by accident, or through affection, they came in my way. But my disease grew upon me—for what disease is like Alcohol!—and at length even Pluto, who was now becoming old, and consequently somewhat peevish—even Pluto began to experience the effects of my ill temper.

One night, returning home, much intoxicated, from one of my haunts about town, I fancied that the cat avoided my presence. I caught him; when, in his fright at my violence, he inflicted a slight wound upon my hand with his teeth. The fury of a demon instantly possessed me. I knew myself no longer. My original soul seemed, in vain, to take its flight from the body; and a more than fiendish malevolence, gin-nurtured, thrilled every fibre of my frame. I took from my waistcoat-pocket a penknife, opened it, grasped the poor beast by the throat, and deliberately cut out one of its eyes from the socket! I blush, I burn, I wither, while I pen the damnable atrocity.

When reason returned with the morning—when I had slept off the fumes of the night's debauch—I experienced a sentiment half of remorse for the crime of which I had been guilty; but it was, at best, a feeble and equivocal feeling, and the soul remained untouched. I again plunged into excess, and soon drowned in wine all memory of the deed.

In the meantime the cat slowly recovered. The socket of the eye was presented, it is true, a frightful appearance, but he no longer appeared to suffer any pain. He went about the house as usual, but, as might be expected, fled in extreme terror at my approach. I had so much of my old heart left, as to be at first grieved by this evident dislike on the part of a creature which had once so loved me. But this feeling soon gave place to irritation. And then came, as if for my final and irrevocable overthrow, the spirit of PERVERSENESS. Of this spirit philosophy takes no account. Phrenology finds no place for it. Yet as sure as my soul lives, I believe that one of the primary impulses of the human heart—one of the indivisible primary faculties, or sentiments, which give direction to the character of Man. Who has not, a hundred times, found himself committing a vile or a silly action, for no other reason than because he knows he should not? Have we not a perpetual inclination, in the teeth of our best judgment, to violate that which is Law, merely because we understand it as such? This spirit of perverseness, I say, came to my final overthrow. It was for the unfathomable longing of the soul to vex itself—to offer violence to its own nature—to do wrong for the wrong's sake only—that urged me to continue and finally to consummate the injury I had inflicted upon the unoffending brute. One morning, in cool blood, I slipped a noose about its neck, and hung it to the limb of a tree;—hung it with the tears streaming from my eyes, and with the bitterest remorse at my heart;—hung it because I knew that it had loved me, and because I felt it had given me no reason of offence;—hung it because I knew that in so doing I was committing a sin—a deadly sin that would jeopardize my immortal soul as to place it—if such a thing were possible even within the reach of the infinite mercy of the Most Merciful and Most Terrible God.

On the night of the day on which this cruel deed was done, I was aroused from sleep by the cry of fire. The curtains of my bed were in flames. The whole house was blazing. It was with great difficulty that my wife, a servant, and myself, made our escape from the conflagration. The destruction was complete. My entire worldly wealth was swallowed up, and I resigned myself henceforward to despair.

I am above the weakness of seeking to establish a sequence of cause and effect, between the disaster and the atrocity. But I am detailing a chain of facts—and wish not to leave even a possible link imperfect. On the day succeeding the fire, I visited the ruins. The walls, with one exception, had fallen in. This exception was confined to a single compartment, and consisted of a comparatively slight partition, standing about the middle of the house, and against which had rested the head of my bed. The plastering had here, in great measure, resisted the action of the fire—a fact which I attributed to its having been recently spread. About this wall a dense throng of people were collected, and many persons seemed to be examining a particular portion of it with very minute and eager attention. The words "strange!" "singular!" and other similar expressions excited my curiosity. I approached and saw, as if graven in bas relief upon the white surface, the figure of a gigantic cat. The impression was given with an accuracy truly marvellous. There had been a rope about the animal's neck.

When I first beheld that apparition—for I could scarcely regard it as less—my wonder and my terror were extreme. But at length reflection came to my aid. The cat, I remembered, had been hung in a garden adjacent to the house. Upon the alarm of fire, this garden had been immediately filled by the people—by some one of whom the animal must have been cut down from the tree and thrown, through an open window, into my chamber. This had probably been done with the view of arousing me from sleep. The falling of other walls had compressed the victim of my cruelty into the substance of the freshly-spread plaster; the lime of which, with the flames, and the ammoniacal exhalation from the carcass, had wrought the portraiture as I saw it.

Although I thus readily accounted to my reason, if not altogether to my conscience, for the startling fact just detailed, it did not the less fail to make a deep impression upon my fancy. For months I could not rid myself of the phantasm of the cat; and during this period, there came back into my spirit a half-sentiment that seemed, but was not, remorse. I went even so far as to regret the loss of the animal, and to look about me, among the vile haunts which I now habitually frequented, for another pet of the same species, and of somewhat similar appearance, with which to supply its place.

One night as I sat, half stupified, in a den of more than infamous character, my attention was drawn to some black object, reposing upon the head of one of the immense hogsheads of gin, or of rum, which constituted the chief furniture of the apartment. I had been looking steadily at the top of this hogshead for the last five minutes, and what now excited my surprise was the fact that I had not sooner perceived the object thereupon. I approached it, and touched it with my hand. It was a black cat—very large—as large as Pluto, and closely resembling him in every respect but one. Pluto had not a white hair upon any part of his body; but this cat had a large, although indefinite, white patch of white, covering nearly the whole region of the breast.

Upon my touching him, he immediately rose, purred vehemently, rubbed against my hand, and appeared delighted with my notice. This, then, was the very creature of which I was in search. I at once offered to purchase it of the landlord; but this person professed to claim to it—knew nothing of it—had never seen it before.

I continued my caresses, and, when I prepared to depart, the animal evinced a disposition to accompany me. I permitted it to do so; occasionally stooping and patting it as I proceeded. When it reached the house it domesticated itself at once, and became immediately a great favorite with my wife.

Upon the fourth day of the acquaintance, a party of pic-nic came, very unexpectedly, into the house. I had not the slightest objection to their presence, and proceeded again to the cellar. The cat followed me, and, nearly throwing me down a flight of steps, irritated me to madness by its frantic caresses. Lifting my hatchet, which, in the confusion of the moment, I forgot to throw aside in my hand, I aimed a blow at the animal which, of course, would have proved instantly fatal to it, had it descended as I desired. But this blow was arrested by the hand of my wife. Goaded, by the interference, into a rage more than demoniacal, I withdrew my arm from her grasp and buried the axe in her brain. She fell dead upon the spot, without a groan.

This accomplished, I proceeded, without hesitation, and with entire deliberation, to the task of concealing the body. I knew that I could not remove it from the house, either by day or by night, without the risk of being observed by the neighbors. Many projects entered my mind. At one period I thought of cutting the corpse into minute fragments, and destroying them by fire. At another, I resolved to dig a grave for it in the floor of the cellar. Again, I deliberated about casting it in the well in the yard—about packing it in a box, as if merchandise, with the usual arrangements, and so getting a porter to take it from the house. Finally, I hit upon what I considered a far better expedient than either of these. I determined to wall it up in the cellar—as the monks of the middle ages are recorded to have walled up their victims.

For a purpose such as this the cellar was admirably adapted. Its walls were loosely constructed, and had lately been plastered throughout with a rough plaster, which the dampness of the atmosphere had prevented from hardening. Moreover, in one of the walls was a projection, caused by a false chimney, or fireplace, that had been filled up, and made to resemble the rest of the cellar. I made no doubt that I could readily displace the bricks at this point, insert the corpse, and wall the whole up in the form, so that no casual detect any thing suspicious. And in this calculation I was not deceived. By means of a crow-bar I easily displaced the bricks, and, having carefully deposited the body against the inner wall, I propped it in that position, while, with little trouble, I re-laid the whole structure as it originally stood. Having procured mortar, sand, and hair, with every possible precaution, I prepared a plaster which could not be distinguished from the old, and with this I very carefully went over the new brickwork. When I had finished, I felt satisfied that all was right. The wall did not present the slightest appearance of having been disturbed. The rubbish on the floor was picked up with the minutest care. I looked around triumphantly, and said to myself—Here at least, then, my labor has not been in vain.

My next step was to look for the beast which had been the cause of so much wretchedness; for at last I had determined to kill it in the earnest. Had I met with it at the moment, there could have been no doubt of its fate; but it appeared that the wary animal had been alarmed at the violence of my previous anger, and forbore to present itself in my present mood. It is impossible to describe, or to imagine, the deep, the blissful sense of relief which the absence of the detested creature occasioned in my bosom. It did not make its appearance during the night—and thus for one night at least, since its introduction into the house, I soundly and tranquilly slept; aye, slept even with the burden of murder upon my soul!

The second and the third day passed and still my tormentor came not. Once again I breathed as a freeman. The monster, in terror, had fled the premises forever! I should behold it no more! My joy was supreme! The guilt of my dark deed disturbed me but little. Some few inquiries had been made, which had been readily answered. Even a search had been instituted—but of course nothing was to be discovered. I looked upon my future happiness as secure.

Upon the fourth day of the assassination, a party of police came, very unexpectedly, into the house, and proceeded again to make rigorous search into the premises. Secure, however, in the inscrutability of my place of concealment, I felt no embarrassment whatever. The officers bade me accompany them in their search. They left no nook or corner unexplored. At length, for the third or fourth time, they descended into the cellar. I quivered not in a muscle. My heart beat calmly as that of one who slumbers in innocence. I walked the cellar from end to end. I folded my arms upon my bosom and roamed easily to and fro. The police were thoroughly satisfied and prepared to depart. The glee at my heart was too strong to be restrained. I burned to say if but one word, by way of triumph, and to render doubly sure their conviction of my guiltlessness.

"Gentlemen," I said at last, as the party ascended the steps, "I delight to have allayed your suspicions. I wish you all health, and a little more courtesy. By the bye, gentlemen, this—this is a very well constructed house." (In the rabid desire to say something easily, I scarcely knew what I uttered.) "I may say a excellently well constructed house. These walls—are you going, gentlemen, already?—these walls are solidly put together;" and here, through the mere phrensy of bravado, I rapped heavily, with a stick which I held in my hand, upon that very portion of the brick-work behind which stood the ghastly corpse of the wife of my bosom.

But may God shield and deliver me from the fangs of the Arch-Fiend! No sooner had the reverberation of my blows ceased into silence than I was answered by a voice from within. It was that of a child—and, first indeed, like the sobbing of a child, and then quickly swelling into one long, loud, and continuous scream, utterly anomalous and inhuman—a howl—a wailing shriek, half of terror and half of triumph, such as might have arisen only at this moment, from the throats of the damned in their agony and of the demons that exult in the damnation.

Of my own thoughts it is folly to speak. Swooning, I staggered to the opposite wall. For one instant the party upon the stairs remained motionless, through excess of terror and of awe. In the next, a dozen stout arms were toiling at the wall. It fell bodily. The corpse, already much decayed and clotted with gore, stood erect before the eyes of the spectators. Upon its head, with red extended mouth and single fiery eye of fire, sat the hideous beast whose craft had seduced me into murder, and whose loquacity betrayed me to the executioner.

I had walled the monster up within the tomb!

Domestic Story.

NIGHT SCENE IN A POOR Man's House.

BY MARY HOWITT.

It was late in the middle of winter, on the night of the 25th of January, when the events occurred which I am about to relate. Suddenly there, not did I hear, but I felt, a knocking at the door of my house. It was not loud, but to the very bone, even of those who are in comfortable homes before large fires, and even supperly clad. It was on the evening that the above little children of David Baird, the weaver, were huddled together in their small room, beside a small fire which was burning low in the grate, for the last of the coals were on the top of the fire. To be, or to some extent, because it had boiled on them, as the room. The mother had prepared them for the night, and had herself been sitting by the fire, and the children by the round table opposite to her, when the knocking at the door was heard.

"Mother, mother!" cried the children, "what can that be?"

"Hush, hush!" replied the mother, "I wish you had never spoken."

"There's a gate," said Jerry, bolder, "that Thomas Nixon's for fourteen pence."

"Hush, hush!" repeated the mother. "It never was for that it is that we had a good fire," replied Judith, fixing her eyes on the fire.

"Dinah!" said the mother, "it is a good fire! Why, there's Dame Grundy and her neighbors, and Mr. Bell, and Mr. Bell's children, and all of them, and yet I see between they have no fire at all!"

"Mother," said Judith, in a low, solemn voice, "and John Bunny; may I have some more to them?"

"There is none, child," she replied, "I put the last in the fire."

"Oh! I see!" cried little Jerry, "my feet are so hot! they get too hot, mother, and I'll go to bed, and I will bed."

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Agricultural.

BUDDING.

Budding, or grafting by eyems, says Mr. Loudon, consists, in ligneous plants, in taking an eye of a bud attached to a portion of the bark, and inserting it under a place on another or different ligneous vegetable. In herbaceous vegetables, the same operation must be performed, but with less success. The object in view in budding, in almost always that of grafting, and depends on the same principle, till the difference between a bud and a scion being, that a bud is a shoot of union in embryo; in other respects, budding is conducted on the same principle as grafting. In every case the bud and the stock must be intimately related. An apple may be budded on a pear, or a thorn, but not upon a plum or peach. Common budding is performed from the beginning of July to the middle of August.

It is indispensable that the bud, to be inserted, should be fully formed or ripe. After the incision of the stock, any care must be taken in tieing the bud, that the cambium be not scraped or injured. The cambium is that soft portion between the wood and the bark, destined to give support to the descending fibres of the buds, which fibres subsequently become embedded in it. In budding, therefore, the bud must be very carefully lifted up, and not forced from the wood with a bone or a metal blade, as too often done.

For propagating choice fruit, the operation of budding possesses several advantages over that of grafting. "It is," says Hunt, "more readily performed, with fewer impediments, less preparation, and with greater success; it does not injure the stock if unsuccessful, and the operation may be twice or thrice repeated the same year; as the season for the performance is protracted, for some one or other of the varieties, for some three months. Although July and August constitute the ordinary season for budding, the plum and cherry may often be budded in the latter part of June, and the peach, apricot and nectarine as late as the middle of September.

"The first consideration is to provide stalks, if the provision has not already been made. Seeds may be collected the coming season in almost every family. Those of stone fruit may be mixed with earth, or deposited in a hole in the ground, and in the autumn buried superficially in the earth, to expose them to the expanding influence of the frost; and in the spring those of the peach and plum that have not burst the shell, should be cracked, and the whole sown in a well prepared seed-bed. The cherries may be sown immediately after they are taken from the fruit, and the apple, pear, and quince, either in autumn or spring. All the kinds will generally appear in the first season. The same rule applies to plants as to animals; the better condition they are kept in while young, the more profitable they will become at maturity. Thus, two or three rods of ground will suffice a farmer for nursery of choice fruit, from which he may replenish his orchard and his garden at pleasure, and readily appropriate to his use every new variety which comes under his observation. No one will regret the labor and attention which he has bestowed on a little plantation of this kind, after he has begun to reimbue the fruits of it. Ornamental shrubs and trees, to embellish the grounds about his buildings, may be added without cost and with trifling labor."—*Farmers Encyclopedia.*

FEMALE FARMERS.—In odd times, when men were scarce, and there was not so much cooking and washing of clothes in the kitchen—when one plain queen was all that was wanted for dinner, there might be tolerably brake it—in olden time the girls took the cows—to do out soon for husbands; and helped to gather the hay and store it away for winter. Oh how genuinely they would manage the rake! Could they learn to tend young buttermilk so well, which a brewer we should have upon earth!

Now, we don't want you to help us in the field. We can do all the out door work; but we will just tell what fashion and pleasure are exceeding. When we come to the house, tired and exhausted, we want you to come in as a lion, and prepare us some drink or other refreshment. We dislike to encourage the classes for drinking rounds where are we too tired to stand up, and we feel disordered when urged at such times to do little chores that may as well be done by smaller hands. Pay us some little attentions when we are very tired, and we will repay them all when our haying and hurry are over.—*Miss Slaughton.*

PRODUCT OF INDUSTRY.—Bleine on Indian Corn.—A writer in the last number of Hunt's Magazine, has the following remark, in relation to a particular product of industry, to which, no doubt, the attention of the statistician of the United States would be called in the statistics of the United States: "From several products of industry, the aggregate value of which would make no insignificant addition to the annual amount. Among these, are the blades of Indian corn, an excellent fodder for horses or cattle, and which, estimating twenty pounds for every bushel of grain, amounts to 3,778,000 tons, worth thirty-seven millions seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

WHEAT.—The price of this great staple has advanced on the Quinine of last year from five to seven cents per bushel, which bought last year 58 cents is now bringing 92 and 93. The usual crop of Washington county, Pennsylvania, it is stated will be worth this year $400,000.

Items of News.

☞ A Special Term of the U. S. Circuit Court for Missouri, has been ordered to be held at Jefferson City, in that State, on the second Monday of next month, to enable the Grand Jury to act upon indictments against the persons connected with the murder and robbery of Charles, the Santa Fe trader. It is not known whether the trials will come on at the special term or not.

REMOVALS.—Partially Settled.—Appointments have been effected by the Bonne Mouth Coal Company with the dissatisfied and resisting workmen on the canal; by which that company's mines will be enabled to depart from the embargo in which they have laid in the canal for the last two months, been freighted with coal, are underway with sail. The difficulty with the Lehigh company has not been settled.

☞ The Buffalo Commercial of the 19th states, that on the evening previous a considerable lot of goods were seized, in conformity with the regulations of the treasury department, from persons attempted to land the goods clandestinely in Black Rock, but through the vigilance of the above officer they were frustrated in their design.

IMPRISONMENT FOR LIFE.—Alexander Lowitt was tried at Norwalk, Huron County, Ohio, on the 15 to the 6th, on a charge of burglary, and with intending. The jury, after three hours absence, returned a verdict of confess to the second degree, and the culprit was sentenced to hard labor for life.

☞ The *Patriot* says the Bradley Green Factory, in New York, illuminated by some oil gas, etc. which cost its light for my Bromley—gives the flowers, trees, and water of the fountain the appearance of a scene of fairy—and possessing the most gorgeous scene ever witnessed by the citizens.

☞ The Cleveland Herald of the 8th inst., says a letter to a friend in that city, dated Kingston, August 5th, 1843, states that the late inspector a duty of Ashtabula port quarter, on Wheat imported from the United States over Canada, took effect there on the 1st inst.

☞ A colored man in Baltimore, Md. lately applied to a magistrate for a warrant to arrest his wife for refusing to wash and mend his clothes. Unhappily, the criminal code of Maryland must no provision for that case; so the negro was obliged to go and wash himself.

☞ The counsel of Mrs. Gardiner took another technical plea to get her out, by application to Judge Betts, at New York, for another writ of habeas corpus. It was refused, and the unhappy woman will be sent over to England forthwith.

☞ A man named John Mackler was arrested in New Orleans on the 1st instant, for stealing a white colored sheet and a cambric veil. Some people have no mind how much feet punished by being left in charge of the sheet.

☞ Information of the size of a hen's egg, or less, was picked up in the streets of Detroit, 26 origin, about a violent storm on the 8th. The same storm passed Monroe City, Ohio, spreading devastation and ruin in its course.

☞ The High Court of Errors and Appeals of Mississippi has decided that a judge cannot for the contempt, unless it be in the presence of the court, or where the misconduct or negro brought into that State is unmanageable, and for sale, is void, and of course no consideration.

☞ It is stated in the Fall River Monitor, that already there are about one hundred buildings of different sizes in progress in that town, on the limited improvement recently laid out.

☞ The number of convicts in confinement in the New York State Prison at Sing Sing, on September 30, was 1,040, of which number 178 were males and 18 females.

☞ The Ohio Statesman contains the surplus revenue of Ohio, raised by a tax to have the power, to treat, after supplying their wants, at twenty millions of bushels.

☞ The Advocate, Ohio, mentions state that there is every thing ready for the 31st of July—and that on some parts of it the inhabitant was killed.

☞ The United States revenue cutter Jackson arrived at New York, during July, after making deliveries of specie to the amount of $1,000,000.

☞ The Michigan State Prison was recently in charge of 70 convicts, of $1,000 each.

☞ Five ice-houses are now in successful operation upon the Potomac river.

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OUR WEEKLY GOSSIP.

The politicians are again happy men. They have something to talk about. But that is sufficient to make them happy, occupation being bliss. There is comfort even in talking over a defeat, and wondering how it could happen, when the voracious newspapers so confidently promised success to both parties. The true way for a third person—for I call not the term, every third person is without violent prejudices, and a great deal less than two-thirds of the whole make up the number—is to say that he will never to prefer to enjoy the matter is to keep his sympathies on the fence, and rejoice with the successful party, or with the vanquished, according to his own temperament—set himself be pleased, your true cosmopolite can play his wings in sympathy and cross in concert—and echo being a stranger—"this side up—with care," to rejoice, but without care as to which he rejoices with. Very easy to say, objects an ardent Democrat, or Whig as the case may be. (What a pity, by the way, it is, that we neutrals can't make a round robin of the words Whig and Democrat, and write each on it, in every country. Very easy to say—but who can be indifferent?

Between the North and South—and Mantissa of Gotham and elsewhere—keep away from Cape Ann, unless you are in a hurry for surf—and stay out also either till your shoes are dry, or till you have new legs as the case or sex may require. You must dress for dinner—may you must—you may have a shooting jacket on board, but it is not the regular thing—and no starch in your bathing dresses—for it is deemed rather superfluous. It won't do to consider the New York lady dress as the Cape Ann, on the other day, that the robe in which she was about to walk into the ocean was not sufficiently and ugly dry and stiff.

The following extract from the correspondent of the National Intelligencer, (N. P. W.) tells the state of things at Saratoga and Newport, the two fashionable resorts:

"It is a part of the common-property of fashionable life to fret at the crowd, and wish for more exclusiveness; but it is amusing to see how the very force of opinion there seems to exist between the two places. Here, at the Springs, the great object of burning rose at six, and walks to Congress Hall, the celebrated resort of the fashionable, which she might have in quite so salutary a state in keeping the bell of her apartment, and, if she is the spring is crowded with fashionables, and dressed and early-tared at the breakfast table at half past seven, she remains in the crowd till the dinner hour, which is at three o'clock. Between these two hours the grand resistance that he has made to the whole were not to his opinion—and, indeed, it is not at all probable that he did. It was neither among the evidence in the Dowdon case, that Treasury Notes, to which alone the funded stock was easily handled in the Treasury Building, and that there were already approximately for payment more than twenty millions of dollars.

The correspondent of the United States Gazette, writing from Washington, has the following, which seems authentic:

"We have been a few days absent of the Cabinet. I believe that the subject of the Bank of the United States has not been mentioned in Council. I am inclined to guess for this reason—a very high authority, on the Wilmer Corp generally, throughout the whole Congress, and the Executive, that the Bank question would not have been elected without this fraud. The measure was not about being inquired into when the Assertion left, and in a manner which was not difficult would occur from the investigation.

The Bank question is agitated all New Genesee, and in some of the large towns, and in Carthage the yellow fever had broken out, and was increasing daily. Business was very brisk; cotton plenty, and every kind of home produce in abundance. American produce was scarce and eagerly sought after. An American vessels of war had been there in a long time.

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TRIAL OF SPEED.

The trial between Mr. Richardson, Columbus, Cooper, Preble and Fairfield, lately tried their speed in the Mediterranean, and the Columbus was found to be the swiftest vessel. Mr. Richardson, it is supposed to be the fastest. The Columbus was originally a ship of the line of the largest class, and the *Saltan* sailor in the navy. Her tonnage is said to a 64, she turns out to be one of the best and fastest ships in the world. She was built on the plan of the ship, dated Gibraltar, June 16, 1843, and:

"There is scarcely a day we have not reason to express our appreciation of her performance, in some ship or in company, when we overhaul every thing that leaves in sight, and pass them as if they were at anchor. On one occasion, in a fresh breeze, we went to windward of every vessel, from the full rigged ship down to the fore and mit schooner; we got 11 in a string, and passed them all, royals, studdy sails, and spanker. She was close hauled, and the weather leach of the miner topsail was lifting, when they have not the log. The length of the keel is 140 feet. There is not an officer on board, from the highest down to the youngest passed midshipman, but who is as fond of her as the latter day they have ever sailed in."

SOUND ADVICE.

The Newburyport Herald gives some advice to the farmers in that section, which it would well to remember all over the country. There are so many difficulties in the way of farming, that it is important, while in the latter we find men combining themselves to one branch, we find farmers dividing their attention among a great many, and consequently not to be entirely successful in any. Another important error that the effective performance of either. The Herald says: "To pay exclusive or chief attention to any one crop, is to neglect the Washington Avenue, of Nashville Banner is in reply to the charge that the Administration allows delay in that city by Mr. M. on the sick list. He says:

"After prayer by Rev. Dr. Edgar, and a song by the choir, Mr. Polk commenced his address to the people. We could almost exclaim with Cicero—'Tu gode, qui Latin tongue so familiar to us.' His manner was solemn, he appeals to the passions, nothing in the line of oratory is left out. Those learned Judges! and yet we were all spell-bound, forgetful of everything around us, the tongue and matchless oratory charmed to music our ears. We could not help it, because we could not help it; if we would, it was not in our power to do so. Every one was forced to produce either laughter or weeping, but both cannot be excited and controlled by one and the same impulse, and for two hours did this continue. Mr. M.'s eloquence and logic were irresistible, and convinced and entranced. As his voice rose, his thoughts flowed and burned on every tongue and countenance, and his imagination became aroused at the tortures of the martyrs, and his countenance, his whole figure were intensified, he plainly and transforming power. Never was an audience more delighted, and never, probably, will the citizens of Nashville again be more deeply moved by an orator."

THE FIRST NEW FLOUR.

Flour from new wheat has begun to make its appearance in the Atlantic markets. The first received in New York, is a barrel of superfine barrels branded "Hiram South, Extra Genesee Wheat," which arrived on Monday in the steamer Island, and sold for $5 25. It was very superior to and rather fined to grain for this brand—very high quality. Of the Wilmer Corp generally, throughout the whole region, and the Executive, that the Bank question would not have been elected without this fraud. The measure was not about being inquired into when the Assertion left, and in a manner which was not difficult would occur from the investigation.

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VILLAGE DISCOURSES. *By Rev. Rowland Hill. From the Eighteenth London Edition. With Notes by John Hersom Hooker.*—This is a book of which numerous remarks have in past times been sold, and what is the purpose, we cannot say. That it is an unsuitable work for instruction in such a guise as to interest in a faculty or seldom possessed by our brethren—that is, to any great degree—is evident. It is not mentioned, there is a rank of popular approval. The eccentricities of these "Discourses" are numerous. The Halifax beginning of the end of that city

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Gems from the Poets.

CHARACTER OF A HAPPY LIFE.

BY SIR HENRY WOTTON.

How happy is he born and taught
That serveth not another's will;
Whose armour is his honest thought,
And simple truth his utmost skill!

Whose passions not his masters are;
Whose soul is still prepared for death
Untied unto the world by care
Of public fame, or private breath.

Who envies none that chance doth raise,
Nor vice hath ever understood;
How deepest wounds are given by praise,
Nor rules of state, but rules of good;

Who hath this life from censure found,
While slander and detraction sleep;
Whose conscience is the strong ground
To which his every action's deep;

Who God doth late and early pray,
More of his grace than gifts to lend
And entertains the harmless day
With a well-chosen book or friend.

This man is freed from servile bonds
Of hope to rise or fear to fall;
Lord of himself, though not of lands,
And having nothing, yet hath all.

Salt Water Bubbles.

JACK FLAGSTAFF;
OR,
A Cruise in Saxe

BY HAWSER MARTINGALE.

Jack Flagstaff was a tall, long-limbed, corn-fed, tanned native of New Hampshire, with knee, toe, eyes, hair like the parts of a quarter deck rope, and a mouth like a lobster's claw. He was as strong as a young giant, and as active as a monkey, with plenty of mother wit, and a large share of good nature. Although not exactly what might be termed a handsome-looking youth—for he was as freckled as the egg of a turkey, and as unsightly in his person as a scarecrow—he was regarded rather favorably through a common and a jovial medium, as a general thing, by the female portion of the community, except when at the saving of a kernel, or the loss of a crumb, a gale of wind, and the fate of a favorite dish, he went wrecked.

Such was Jack Flagstaff. But his love of honor and his want of position were not enough, by nearly half, to keep him from aspiring to the hand of Miss Sally Sparkle, whose beauty, accomplishments, family and fortune were of the highest order, and whose refusal of his suit was as decided as it was unexpected.

Jack's rejection was interrupted somewhat unexpectedly. A skylight, in his immediate vicinity, was thrown open with violence, and the figure of a man was seen to spring through it, with a cry of rage, and descend with force and momentum upon the deck, and exerting all his strength, threw it back into its former position in the skylight, and with it upon the recumbent hat, or even in the head of the man who had thrown it open, and who had sprung from his seat, and the door closed with a clash. He heard a loud noise, as of some person pounding with his fists upon the door, but was unable to turn the key—it was broken.

Jack grasped his cap along the ridge-pole, and pressed the rush of mental thought backward, and the rush of mental thought forward, until he had the scene of his late rejection. He then examined a certain pocket-book, which he had taken from the pocket of the man who had thrown open the skylight, and entering the hatch-way without going below, he passed aft, and entered the cabin, and gave it to the steward. "I hope," thought Jack, "that the gentleman will not be angry with me for what I have done, but I think he will be when he finds out that there was to be a grand masquerade ball at the theatre, on the following evening, before it will be safe for him to be out for a trifling consideration, by any one who was invited to be present, without any very pertinent questions being asked.

Jack had been quite studious and quiet, until he heard this intelligence, at which he pricked up his ears a bit, and decided that he would have a frolic. He would entertain the Monsieurs by appearing in full costume, and dancing a Yankee jig.

Accordingly the next evening, after spending considerable time upon his toilette, Jack presented himself entirely unnoticed by his opponents, and jumped into the carriage destined to convey him to the scene of operations. And indeed he appeared well in the character sufficient to produce a sensation in any well regulated Christian community. He was arrayed in a succession of the Indian costume. His long hair hung in all sorts of ways, and was surmounted the upper part of his head was bound a bloody kerchief in the form of a Moorish turban, and which were fastidiously such some half a dozen pheasant feathers, which had once adorned the exterior of a venerable rooster. He wore no mask, but his face was painted in a style which did credit to his ingenuity and taste—the ground work was red ochre, relieved with occasional streaks of black, green and blue—while a broad circle of white was drawn around his eyes. His brawny shoulders were covered with a tanned buffalo skin, secured at a light red, with diagonal stripes of dark blue. His lower garments were a Dutch pair of "pepper and salt" pants, longitudinally, black and white, and gathered, immediately and terminated at the knee. Socks were considered unnecessary, but he encased his feet in most strange looking articles, which he called a pair of moccasins. His legs, were not, however, as bare as a Highlander's—they were well covered with a pair of tidy blue pants. A girdle which he wore about his waist, carried a trigger's knife, by way of an Indian's scalpel—and for a tomo, a large double-milled blanket, was carelessly thrown over his shoulders.

Jack Flagstaff, thus strangely accoutred, proceeded to the theatre at an hour fashionably late, that is to say between 11 and 12 o'clock, P. M. He was admitted without difficulty on presenting his ticket—and even the various costume fell not entirely under the surprise or curiosity—for many others were present, more wildly or grotesquely attired. But when, after a few moments, a band of music struck up, a party of masks being about to perform a quadrille, there left all of his knapsack, and sprang into the middle of the floor, making frightful grimaces, and flourishing of the hatchet-scalp, and immediately commenced performing by sheer physical strength and muscular activity, an accompanying footpiece, a sensation was created which surpassed anything ever before seen in the theatre. The screamed and fainted away—the men believing that a veritable savage, from the wilds of the Feejee Islands, or New Zealand, had obtained admittance, carried pale with terror, and instinctively looked for a wide the entrance of the theatre, or the nearest pistols, and the gun of arms, who were present, indignant and